



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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June 27, 2002

The Honorable Gary Locke
Governor, State of Washington
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Subject: Performance Report 2002 (June 1, 2001—May 31, 2002)
Public Access to Campaign and Lobbyist Filings (RCW 42.17.463)

Dear Governor Locke:

Enclosed is detailed information concerning the Public Disclosure Commission's performance regarding public access to campaign and lobbying reports. The statutory goal for access to reported information is:

- reports submitted electronically are to be available in PDC's office and on its Web site within 2 business days; and
- reports submitted on paper are to be available in PDC's office and on its Web site within 4 business days. RCW 42.17.461

Please note that, regardless of filing method, all reports are immediately available for public copying and review upon receipt in the office.

In addition, beginning in May of 2001, all electronically filed campaign and lobbying reports were available on the Internet within fifteen minutes of being filed. Those submitted on paper were also Web accessible on the same day received by PDC.

As the attached charts demonstrate, these performance indicators represent real achievement from two years ago when the average number of days for e-filed reports to reach the Internet was 4 days, and paper filings were, on average, accessible within 5 to 15 days. Electronically filed reports are now available to the public 128 times faster than they were just two years ago, with paper reports being posted to the Web at least ten times more quickly. For all intents and purposes, for the past year, the public has had immediate access to the very latest political finance information.

Regarding the percentage of candidates who were filing electronically in the 2001 elections, of the 9 candidates seeking legislative office, 22% of them filed their disclosure reports electronically. Of the 484 political committees active in 2001 elections, 10% filed their reports electronically. However, only 2% of local and judicial candidates filed electronically in 2001.

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PDC is attempting to attract additional electronic filers by providing one-on-one assistance to those needing personalized attention and by offering periodic night and weekend training in Eastern and Western Washington. Altogether, we conducted 43 electronic filing training sessions during FY 02. PDC information technology staff is also in the planning stages of a new campaign electronic filing option that will be easier to use and less expensive to maintain than the current system.

The Commission appreciates your and the Legislature's continued support of this agency and its mission.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie
Executive Director

cc: Members, Public Disclosure Commission
Members, House State Government Committee
Members, Senate State and Local Government Committee

Performance Report 2002

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in compliance with RCW 42.17.463

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Electronic Filers vs. Paper Filers

June 1, 2001 – May 31, 2002

	Number of Filers	Percent that File Electronically	Percent that file on Paper
Statewide candidates	0	0	0
Legislative candidates	9	22%	78%
Local/Judicial candidates	1,602	2%	98%
Continuing Political Committees	484	10%	90%
Lobbyists	942	8%	92%
Lobbyist Employers	1,121	2%	98%

Performance Measures Summary—Campaign Finance

RCW 42.17.463(1) & (2)

June 1, 2001 – May 31, 2002---Average No. of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

Reports are available on the Internet within minutes of filing.

Paper Filers

Images of candidate and political committee reports were available the same day as received in the Public Disclosure Commission office, typically within 4 hours or less.

Performance Measures Summary—Lobbying

RCW 42.17.463(3)

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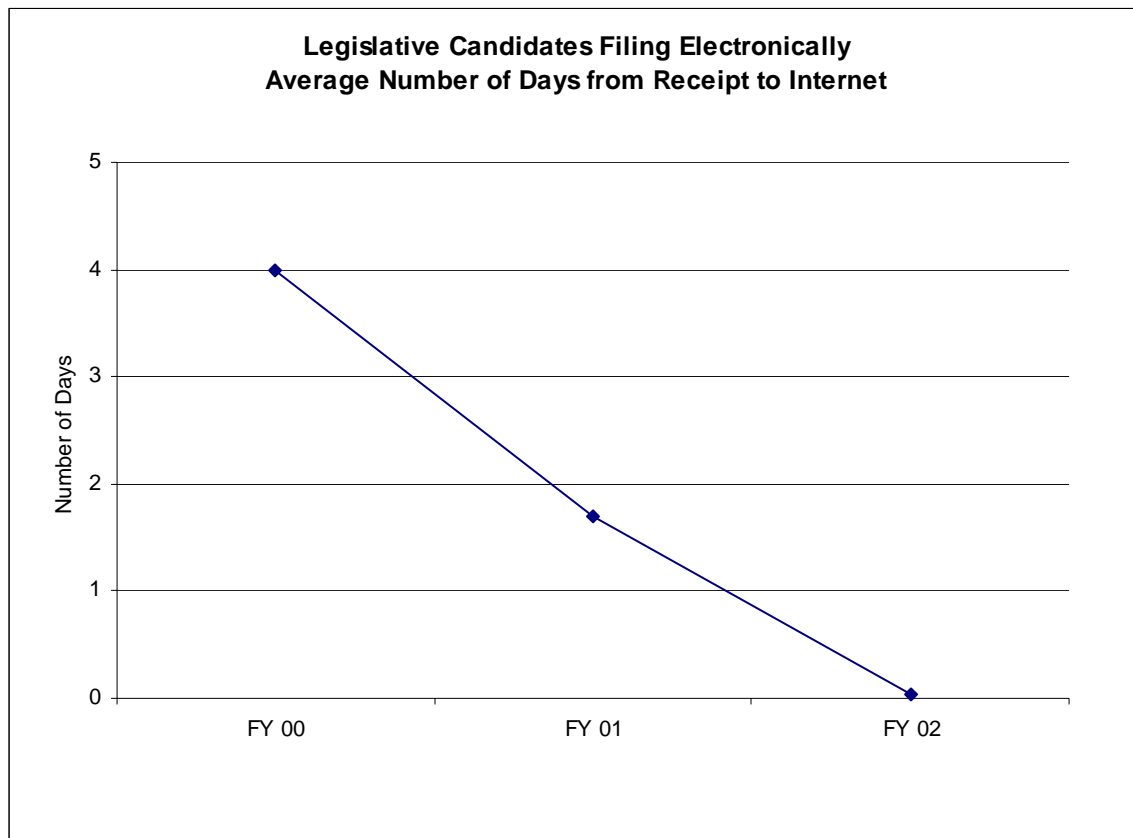
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Campaign Finance – Average Number of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

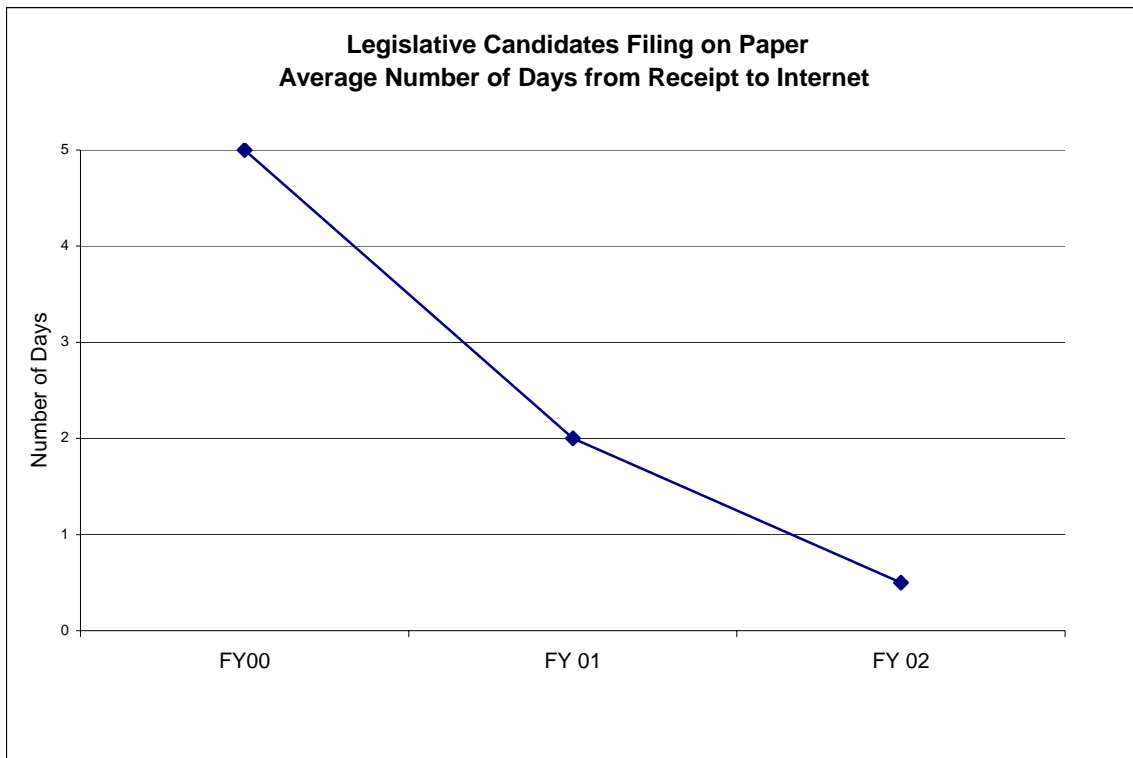
	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
State Executive Candidates	4	1.5	.03
Legislative Candidates	4	1.7	.03
Continuing Political Committees	4	1.5	.03
Local/Judicial Candidates	4	1	.03



Campaign Finance – Average Number of Days from Receipt to Internet

Paper Filers

	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
State Executive Candidates	5	2	.5
Legislative Candidates	5	2	.5
Local/Judicial Candidates	6	3	.5
Continuing Political Committees	15	3.5	.5
Statewide Initiative PACs	9	2	.5
Independent Campaign Expenditures (C6)	7	1	.5



Lobbying – Average Number of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

Electronic filing for lobbyists and lobbyist employers was not available until January 1, 2002. Reports filed electronically by lobbyists and lobbyist employers were accessible and on the Internet within hours of filing.

Paper Filers

	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
Lobbyist Registration (L1)	6	3	.5
Lobbyist Expenditures (L2)	14	6	.5
Employer Expenditures (L3)	6	3	.5
Special Contributions (L3c)	8	5	.5

